

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James J. Howarth

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 9, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.